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News Review

New powers for chemical weapons inspectors?



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The story

Britain will risk a fresh confrontation with Russia today when it seeks new powers for chemical weapons inspectors to say who is responsible for nerve agent attacks in Syria.

The Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson will use a special meeting of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in the Hague to table the proposals, which are opposed by Moscow.

Vocabulary square off

prepare to confront someone

- The two department stores are squaring off for a price war.
- They squared off for a moment before one man punched the other in the nose.

discord

disagreement

- The political party is ineffective because it has been weakened by internal discord.
- The planned casino created strong discord within the community.

politicised

made political

- Plastic has become a highly politicised topic due to the ecological damage it causes.
- It was just a simple jumper, but the newspapers politicised it and turned it into an issue.

Language challenge

Which body part completes this phrase, which means 'take responsibility for a problem or accident? _____ the blame'

- a) nose
- b) elbow
- c) shoulder

Answer

c) shoulder